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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and "I" items

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16032/2/13 REV 2 OJ/CRP2 40 + REV 2 ADD 1 + CM 5311/13

The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

96. Council Decision amending Decision 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)

15925/13 COSDP 1065 PESC 1343 COAFR 346 CONUN 137 EUTM MALI 61

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97. EU Rapid response capabilities and EU Battlegroups

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(Coreper Part 2, under II)

94. High Level Group on Own Resources

95. Proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 (2014-2020) (First reading)

– **Preparation of the ninth informal trilogue**

16156/13 CADREFIN 304 DEVGEN 291 ACP 177 RELEX 1021 COASI 169

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The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

51. Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of the European Union and the European Central Bank on the cooperation on procedures related to the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)

– **Mandate to Council Presidency**

15962/13 EF 222 ECOFIN 996

15963/13 EF 223 ECOFIN 997

The following CRP2 agenda item is **transferred** from Part I to Part II as sub-item g to item 80:

88. (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on CSDP

15989/13 COSDP 1071 PESC 1349 COPS 478

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

RO made a statement on the following item:

53. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European demographic statistics (First reading)

– **Adoption of the legislative act**

15512/1/13 REV 1 CODEC 2412 STATIS 111 POLGEN 206 ECPFOM 959

SOC 876 REGIO 236 DATAPROTECT 153

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"Romania has already expressed that it generally supports the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European demographic statistics.

Nevertheless, Romania would like to stress, once again, that it will not be able to meet the full scope of obligations as defined in Article 3 of the abovementioned Proposal for a Regulation.

Data on live births by mother's country of birth, mother's country of citizenship and mother's region of residence and data on deaths by country of birth have not been collected for the first reference year, i.e. 2013. Thus, a delivery of specified data will not be possible.

Romania introduced these four variables to the existing statistical surveys, making the data available from 2014 reference year onwards."

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UK made a statement on the following item :

82. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (First reading)

– **Adoption of the final compromise**

15916/13 FSTR 136 SOC 914 REGIO 244 CADREFIN 288 CODEC 2491

"The UK considers that some of the changes to the ESF Regulation, in particular in terms of information needed for the indicators, add burdens to beneficiaries and authorities. The UK has been able to accept these only as part of an overall package, including the issue of the ESF minimum share in the Common Provisions Regulation."

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24. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the oral information provided by the Chair on the outcome of the trilogue that took place on 12 November 2013. The Committee will come back to this proposal on 29 November 2013 to prepare the mandate for the next informal trilogue taking place on 3 December 2013.

25. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 5 December 2013**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in 17011/13.

26. **Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 2 and 3 December 2013**

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee has set the provisional agenda of the Competitiveness Council as in document 16886/13.

- 2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic invoicing in public procurement (*Legislative deliberation*)**

- **General approach**
15738/13 MAP 83 COMPET 774 MI 965 EF 213
ECOFIN 975 TELECOM 284 CODEC 2457

The Committee resolved the last outstanding issues, reached an agreement on the text which is set out in document 16345/13 and recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 2 December 2013 to adopt the general approach with a view to early negotiations with the European Parliament aiming at a first-reading agreement.

27. Preparation for the Council meeting (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 25 and 26 November 2013

1. Effective leadership in education (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
15485/13 EDUC 410 SOC 874

The outcome of the examination of this file is contained in document 15587/13.

2. The global dimension of European higher education (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
15117/1/13 EDUC 401 SOC 847 RECH 469 JEUN 98 RELEX 942 REV 1

The Committee took note of the unanimous support for the text as contained in document 15117/1/13 REV 1 and agreed to forward the text to the Council for adoption.

3. Open educational resources and digital learning (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Policy debate**
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
15591/13 EDUC 414 AUDIO 106 TELECOM 279 PI 147 RECH 494

The Committee agreed to forward the discussion paper (doc. 15591/13) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

4. Enhancing the social inclusion of young people not in employment, education or training (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
15602/13 JEUN 100 EDUC 415 SOC 881 SPORT 94

The outcome of the examination of this file is contained in document 15770/13.

5. Future EU Work Plan for Youth (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Policy debate**
(Public debate in accordance with article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
15647/13 JEUN 103 EDUC 417 SOC 886 CULT 114

The Committee agreed to forward the discussion paper (doc. 15647/13) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

6. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State (recast) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **General approach**
15648/13 CULT 115 MI 953 ENFOPOL 344 ENFOCUSTOM 154 UD 286
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The outcome of the examination of this file is contained in document 16027/13.

7. **Draft conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on media freedom and pluralism in the digital environment (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Adoption**
15649/13 AUDIO 108 FREMP 171 TELECOM 282

The outcome of the examination of this file is contained in document 15774/13.

8. **Connected Citizens: changing behaviour of viewers in the converged media environment (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Policy debate**
(Public debate in accordance with article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
15535/13 AUDIO 104 TELECOM 277

The Committee agreed to forward the discussion paper (doc. 15535/13) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

28. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Health for Growth Programme, the third multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
15852/13 SAN 434 PHARM 64 MI 976 CADREFIN 286 CODEC 2474

The Committee agreed the text as set out in the Annex to document 15852/13 without changes. The clean version of the text will be resubmitted to the Committee on 20 November 2013 as "I" point for final approval and subsequently confirmed to the EP by a letter of the Committee Chair.

29. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– **Preparation for the informal trilogue**

15685/13 CHMIE 120 MI 955 ENT 300 ENV 1007 SAN 425 CONSOM 183
COMPET 768 ECO 196 CODEC 2449 SOC 891
+ ADD 1

The Committee agreed on the text as set out in the second and fourth column in the Addendum to document 15685/13, including a technical correction made in the meeting. It gave the Presidency a mandate to start negotiating with the European Parliament on this basis. MT lifted a reservation on Recital 5b, UK lifted all reservations.

30. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– **Consideration of the Presidency overall compromise text**

15688/13 ENER 496 ENV 1019 ENT 302 TRANS 558 AGRI 720 POLGEN 211
CODEC 2461
+ ADD 1

Following the presentation by the Chair of the presidency compromise set out in 15688/13 + ADD 1 (threshold of 7% for conventional biofuels, voluntary sub-target for advanced biofuels, double-counting towards the overall 20% renewable energy target for 2020, Annex IX to be expanded through delegated acts, ILUC factors for reporting) the Committee had an almost full table-round on the basis of which the Chair could conclude that, subject to some fine tuning to be done at WP level e.g. with respect to reporting, the presidency compromise was about right in the middle, noting on the one hand the positions of a small group of more ambitious delegations and on the other the broad support of a larger group of less ambitious delegations, including the very few such as ES/HU, which would prefer to drop the proposal.

The Committee will return to this proposal on 29 November 2013 in preparation of the TTE Council on 12 December 2013.

- 31. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on clinical trials on medicinal products for human use, and repealing Directive 2001/20/EC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was debriefed on the outcome of the second informal trilogue which took place on 13 November 2013.

- 32. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy] (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was debriefed on the outcome of the first trilogue held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 in Brussels.

- 33. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 754/2009, (EU) No 1262/2012, (EU) No 39/2013 and (EU) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities**
– **Adoption**
14622/13 PECHE 440
15952/13 PECHE 519

The Committee took note of the Commission's concerns regarding the practical aspects of the reintroduction of a special flexibility mechanism for seven pelagic stocks shared with Norway.

It was concluded that there was general support for the Presidency compromise set out in 16117/13 PECHE 526 + COR 1 REV1, the Polish delegation having declared its intention to abstain. The item would be put forward for adoption at a forthcoming Council under the "A" item procedure.

34. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sound level of motor vehicles (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
15879/13 ENT 306 ENV 1033 MI 979 CODEC 2482

The Committee endorsed the provisional agreement reached between the Lithuanian Presidency and the ENVI Committee on the reduction of the sound level of motor vehicles while providing also for a minimum sound level for electric or hybrid electric vehicles. The agreement was welcomed by an overwhelming majority of delegations. One delegation voted against and another one entered a positive scrutiny reservation.

35. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products with regard to certain conditions for access to the market (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
15921/13 ENV 1039 MI 990 AGRI 727 CHIMIE 124 CODEC 2496

The Committee considered a few Presidency compromise suggestions and agreed to provide the Presidency with a mandate (doc. 16471/13) for negotiating with the European Parliament at the informal trilogue foreseen on 2 December 2013 in Brussels, with a view to a first reading agreement on the file.

36. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer product safety and repealing Council Directive 87/357/EEC and Directive 2001/95/EC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

and

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on market surveillance of products and amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC, and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 1999/5/EC, 2000/9/EC, 2000/14/EC, 2001/95/EC, 2004/108/EC, 2006/42/EC, 2006/95/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2008/57/EC, 2009/48/EC, 2009/105/EC, 2009/142/EC, 2011/65/EU, Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, Regulation (EU) No 764/2008 and Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
15786/13 ENT 303 MI 970 CONSOM 184 CODEC 2465
COMPET 779 CHIMIE 121 COMER 255

Delegations could not support the compromise proposal presented by the Presidency on Article 7 of Consumer Product Safety Regulation. As delegations asked the Article 7 to be solved in the Council before starting the negotiations with the EP, no mandate was given for the informal trilogue.

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72. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget) on 11 November 2013

The Committee took note of the agreement on a joint text concerning the 2014 budget and on draft amending budget No 9/2013 reached at the meeting of the Conciliation Committee on 11 and 12 November 2013. It noted the request by the Danish delegation to improve the exchange of information between the Commission and Member States at forthcoming Conciliation meetings.

The joint text (doc. 16106/13 + ADD 1 to 5) and the agreement reached on draft amending budget No 9/2013 (doc. 16107/13) will be submitted for approval, as "A" items, to the General Affairs Council on 19 November 2013.

73. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability and to the decommitment rules for certain Member States (First reading)

- **Preparation of trilogues**
15940/13 FSTR 141 FC 81 REGIO 250 SOC 917 CADREFIN 294 FIN 725
CODEC 2502

The Committee:

- could not reach a QMV on the Presidency compromise proposal as set out in the Annex to document 15940/13,
- mandated the Presidency to finalise negotiations with the EP on the basis of the Council's General Approach reached in July 2013,
- took note of the Hungarian declaration as set out below:

"On 13 November 2013 Coreper adopted amending Regulation 1083/2006/EC allowing for the possibility for increased co-financing rates (top-up) for cohesion policy funds in the 2007-13 period to Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability, including the possibility to use the top-up even after their exit from the adjustment programme. Nevertheless, the text adopted limits the possibility of using the top-up only to those Member States who will exit the assistance programme after the entry into force of this modification.

Hungary continued to argue during the debate, and underlined in its unilateral statements attached to the Coreper minutes (24 July 2013) and to the general approach adopted in written procedure (25 July 2013) that this solution does not respect the equal treatment of Member States. Namely, the position of the Council differentiates between Member States that are in a similar situation on the basis of the date of their exit from their financial assistance programme, thus breaching the principle of equal treatment.

Hungary believes that regardless of whether a Member State exits the adjustment programme before or after the entry into force of the modification, it should be eligible for the top-up mechanism. This approach is the only way to ensure equal treatment of Member States in the post-programme phase. This concern was also shared by the Council Legal Service in the Coreper debate in July and reiterated in November, stating that "the principle of equal treatment, which the Council is bound to respect, is relevant to the consideration of the draft amending regulation. Any solution must ensure that all Member States in a comparable situation are treated in a similar way, including as regards retroactive application. The suggestions from the Presidency, which allow Member States which exited the adjustment programmes before the entry into force of the amending Regulation to also benefit, under certain conditions, from an increase of the co-financing rates, constitute an effort to address the identified problem."

The text voted by the REGI Committee of the European Parliament at the end of September 2013 opened the possibility for the Council to reconsider its position also regarding the equal treatment. The Presidency made an enormous effort to find a balanced compromise respecting the principle of equal treatment while addressing the budgetary concerns of certain Member States and establishing a middle ground between the position of the Council and the Parliament. Hungary appreciates the attempts of the Presidency to remedy the situation.

Hungary expresses its grave concern and serious dissatisfaction that the Coreper – despite the support of a clear majority of Member States – could not agree to the Presidency proposals ensuring the equal treatment of Member States while, respecting budgetary rationale at the same time.

Hungary strongly believes that budgetary concerns must not exclude the respect of equal treatment of Member States. Hungary shares the cautiousness as regards the payment situation for 2014. At the same time, as other examples demonstrate, an appropriate solution could have been found also in relation to this legislation.

Hungary reserves all options for ensuring the equal treatment of Member States and will give thorough consideration to seeking legal remedies before the European Court of Justice."

74. Relations with Morocco: Union position within the Association Council with regard to the adoption of a recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017)

– **Adoption**

15956/13 MA 12 MED 45 PESC 1347

The Committee discussed the adoption of Union position within the Association Council with regard to the adoption of a recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017), on the basis of document 15956/13, and agreed to revert to the issue at a next meeting.

75. EEAS Review

– **Coreper discussion on Medium Term Recommendations**

15887/13 POLGEN 213 INST 579 PESC 1341 CSDP/PSDC 743

13977/13 POLGEN 179 INST 495 PESC 1131 CSDP/PSDC 613

14458/13 JUR 532 RELEX 926 POLGEN 185 INST 519 PESC 1182

CSDP/PSDC 645

+ COR 1

The Committee discussed the Medium Term Recommendations of the EEAS Review Report on the basis of Presidency note 15887/13.

76. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 15 November 2013

a) Banking Union

– **State of play**

The Committee briefly examined the draft Council statement on backstop arrangements in the context of EU banks' asset quality reviews and stress tests, in particular in the context of the ECB's comprehensive assessment, and noted that it would be further examined by the Council on 15 November 2013.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

77. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 3 December 2013

The Presidency informed the Committee about the provisional agenda of the special session of the Foreign Affairs Council (Trade) to be held in Bali on 3 December 2013. The sole item on the agenda was the "IX World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (Bali, 3-6 December 2013)".

78. Relations with the European Parliament (November 2013)
15659/13 PE 497 INST 568 POLGEN 210 CODEC 2445

The Committee held a discussion on relations with the European Parliament on the basis of the document 15659/13.

79. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (First reading)

- **Orientations in view of informal trilogues with the European Parliament (Chapters II, IV, part of V (controls))**
15725/13 INST 569 PE 498 FIN 701 CODEC 2456

The Committee took note of the state of play and mandated the Presidency:

(a) to inform the European Parliament on the state of play of the work on the proposal in the Working Party on General Affairs;

(b) to continue discussions with the European Parliament. To this end, the text of the Presidency compromise proposal on Chapters II, IV and V (controls) as attached to the note to the Committee will serve as orientations.

80. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 18/19 November 2013

a) Eastern Partnership

- i) **Preparation of the Eastern Partnership Summit (Vilnius, 28-29 November 2013)**
 - **Draft Joint Declaration - state of play**

The Committee took note of the state of play in negotiations with partners on the Eastern Partnership Summit Joint Declaration, as presented by the European External Action Service, tasked the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Working Party (COEST) to continue its work on the draft Joint Declaration, and decided to revert to the matter at its next meeting on 20 November 2013.

ii) Relations with Ukraine

- **Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party**
- **Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party**
- **Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party**
- **Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party**

- **Draft Council Decision approving the conclusion by the Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part**
 - **Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part**
- 15760/1/13 REV 1 COEST 354 NIS 73 PESC 1325 JAI 971 WTO 294 ENER 499
ATO 133
+ REV 1 ADD 1
13640/13 COEST 267 NIS 54 PESC 1084 JAI 774 WTO 202 ENER 414
+ COR 1 + COR 2
14010/1/13 REV 1 COEST 283 NIS 55 PESC 1136 JAI 814 WTO 211 ENER 431
13613/1/13 REV 1 COEST 264 NIS 52 PESC 1081 JAI 772 WTO 200 ENER 412
14011/1/13 REV 1 COEST 284 NIS 56 PESC 1137 JAI 815 WTO 212 ENER 432
15622/13 ATO 130 COEST 347
7076/13 COEST 47
+ COR 1
+ ADD 1 to ADD 35
+ ADD 1 COR 1 to ADD 35 COR 1

The Committee received an update from the European External Action Service on Ukraine's fulfilment of the benchmarks set by the December 2012 Foreign Affairs Council and had an exchange of views on the latest developments. The Committee endorsed the text of the five draft Council Decisions and of the Association Agreement as listed in document 15760/1/13 REV 1 + REV 1 ADD 1, subject to the political decision on the signing and provisional application of the Association Agreement by the Council.

b) Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Committee took note of the state of play of preparations for the discussion of this item at the Council.

c) China

The EEAS representative indicated that the Council would have an exchange of views on the preparations for the 16th EU-China Summit (Beijing, 21 November 2013). In this context, the High Representative was also expected to brief Ministers on the preparations for the 21st EU-Japan Summit (Tokyo, 19 November 2013).

d) Southern Neighbourhood

- **Draft Council conclusions on Libya**
16112/13 COMAG 106 LIBYE 9 PESC 1358

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on Libya on the basis of document 16112/13.

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions on Libya to the Council for further examination.

- **Draft Council conclusions on Tunisia**
16116/1/13 REV 1 TU 6 COMAG 107 PESC 1359

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on Tunisia on the basis of document 16116/13.

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions on Tunisia to the Council for adoption.

- **Draft Council conclusions on the regional impact of the Syria crisis**
16123/13 SY 17 COMAG 108 COHAFA 125 PESC 1360

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on the regional impact of the Syria crisis on the basis of document 16123/13.

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions on the regional impact of the Syria crisis to the Council for further examination.

e) Migration issues in the Mediterranean

The Committee discussed the migration issues in the Mediterranean.

- g) Draft Council conclusions on CSDP**
15989/13 COSDP 1071 PESC 1349 COPS 478

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on CSDP on the basis of document 15989/13.

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions on CSDP to the Council for further examination.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee did not discuss other items in connection with the Council meeting.

90. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5-6 December 2013

The Presidency presented the agenda for the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5/6 December 2013.

A number of delegations asked for a discussion at the Council on the future development of the JHA area. Two delegations asked, supported by others, to change the aim of the item on the full application of the Schengen acquis in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania, to the adoption of a Decision for that purpose. Two delegations supported the wording of the item as presented by the Presidency.

91. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer (First reading)

- **Preparation of the fourth informal trilogue**
13436/13 MIGR 90 SOC 671 DRS 160 CODEC 1972 WTO 194 SERVICES 38

The Committee examined the Presidency suggestions as set out in 13436/13. On the basis of the outcome of this examination, the Presidency will engage in the fourth informal trilogue.

92. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (First reading)

- **Approval of the final compromise**
15938/13 FSTR 140 FC 80 REGIO 249 SOC 916 AGRISTR 136 PECHE 515
CADREFIN 293 CODEC 2501

The Committee:

- could not agree on the inclusion of the word "persistent" (additional request by the EP) in Art 21(6) of the Consolidated text (doc. 15938/13) submitted by the Presidency for validation;

- noted that, while most delegations preferred not to reopen the text agreed in the Committee on 29 October 2013 (doc. 15383/13 ADD 1 REV 1), some delegations suggested to explore alternative wording to "persistent";
- will come back to this issue in the light of further exploratory contacts by the Presidency.

93. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 19 November 2013

a) Preparation of the European Council on 19-20 December 2013

- **Annotated draft agenda**
15651/13 CO EUR-PREP 43

The Committee took note of the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items that the European Council is expected to address on 19/20 December 2013, notably the common Security and Defence policy, the EMU, the Economic and Social policy and other items.

b) European Semester

- **Roadmap on the implementation of the 2014 European Semester**
15484/13 CO EUR-PREP 42 POLGEN 205 ENV 990 ENER 490 MI 936
RECH 488 COMPET 758 IND 297 ECOFIN 953 SOC 873
EDUC 409 TELECOM 275 JAI 954

The Committee took note of the above-mentioned roadmap as presented by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency outlining all key steps of the 2014 European Semester and submitted it to the Council.

- **Annual Growth Survey 2014: presentation of the Commission**
15803/13 ECOFIN 984 SOC 904 COMPET 781 EDUC 425 ENV 1025
RECH 509 ENER 502 FISC 214

The Commission presented the Annual Growth Survey.

c) European Council follow-up

- **Presidency Report on the implementation of EC conclusions**
15874/13 CO EUR-PREP 48 POLGEN 212

The Committee took note of the Presidency report on the state of play in implementation of priority orientations set out in the conclusions of the European Council. A revised version was issued following comments made by delegations.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda of the General Affairs Council on 19 November 2013.

94. High Level Group on Own Resources

The Committee examined the draft letter which its Chair will address to Mr Lamassoure on the constitution of the High Level Group on Own Resources (HLGOR).

95. Proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 (2014-2020) (First reading)

- **Preparation of the ninth informal trilogue**
16156/13 CADREFIN 304 DEVGEN 291 ACP 177 RELEX 1021 COASI 169
ASIE 49 COMAG 110 COHOM 251 COEST 357 COWEB 166
ELARG 148 CODEC 2562 PE 513 FIN 751

The Committee held an exchange of views on the Presidency proposal for a revised mandate for negotiations on the proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 contained in document 16156/13. The Chair noted agreement of the Committee to continue the negotiations with the European Parliament.

– **Any other business**

- **European Semester Roadmap (Coreper Part 1)**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency and the incoming Presidency informed the Committee on the European Semester roadmap and the Commission briefly presented its communication on the Annual Growth Survey.
